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SCHOOL CHILDREN AWARDED PRIZES

Contests for Best Corn, Bread and Aprons in Cumberland.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CUMBERLAND, Va., December 25.—Last Saturday there was held in the new High School building at this place a friendly contest to decide who of the school children of the county should receive prizes for the best corn, the best bread, the best apron and the best essay on "The Value of Good Roads to the Farmer."

The competition was especially keen as to the best apron, about a dozen aprons being entered.

Harry Adams, of the Cumberland School, received the prize of \$5 for the best yield of corn, and Charlie Goodman, of the same school, the \$5 for the best ten ears of corn. The other prizes were as follows:

On aprons—First prize of \$5, to Annie Adams; second prize of \$3, to Annie Johnson; third prize of \$2, to Mary Godsey, of the Cumberland School.

On bread—First prize of \$5, to Eleanor Diggs, of the Cumberland School; second prize of \$2, to Ruth Sheets; third prize of \$1, to Alma Duncan.

On essays—First prize of \$3, to Sam Robertson; second prize of \$2, to Harry Adams, both of the Cumberland School.

These prizes, and others which will be given later, were furnished by the Council of the city of Richmond.

Southall Farrar, through whose efforts this money was secured and the contest made possible, was present to aid the principal of the school, J. H. Davis, in the conduct of the contest.

As a result of the interest awakened by this contest, steps are being taken to hold a county fair at this place next November, when an exhibit from the schools of the county will be an important feature.

Cumberland expects to be one of the twenty or more counties in the State where the schoolboys will raise their acres of corn under the demonstrators of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

Highland Springs Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HIGHLAND SPRINGS, Va., December 25.—The Methodist Sunday-school will give its Christmas entertainment Tuesday night, December 28, in the church. A fine program has been arranged, and the little ones are looking forward with pleasure to the Christmas tree.

The Christmas Sunday-school celebration which was held in the Unitarian Chapel Friday night was greatly enjoyed by all present. The children were delighted with Santa Claus and the Christmas tree.

The Christmas celebration given yesterday afternoon was the feature of the week's pleasures, and a large crowd was present to witness the performance, which consisted of a potato race, sack race, three-legged race, relay race, wheelbarrow race, backward race, running high jump, 100-yard dash, shot put (twelve pounds) running broad jump, 220-yard dash, hop, skip and jump. Prizes were awarded the successful participants.

S. B. Husseman, of New York, is spending the holidays with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cal. Husseman.

Clark's School House, Pocahontas, Va.



V. M. I. ASKS STATE FOR MORE MONEY

Wants Annual Appropriation Increased From \$40,000 to \$50,000.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LEXINGTON, Va., December 25.—General Nichols appeared before the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday.

day in the interest of the Virginia Military Institute and requested that the annual appropriation for the Legislature be increased from \$40,000 to \$50,000. He also asked that the board be empowered to issue bonds for \$100,000 for the purpose of enlarging the grounds according to the plans made recently by George Manning.

The first meeting this session of the Cadet Diabetic Society was held in the Literary Hall of the new library building on Saturday, December 18. The Cadet says "the literary program was excellently prepared and well delivered, the debate being exceptionally enjoyable."

A new and most attractive feature of the holiday season this year is the entertainment to be given to the corps of cadets and their friends by the Orphean Musical Club, which has won quite a reputation in the West. This attraction has been secured through the efforts of General Nichols, who has at his disposal a fund provided for the expenses of such entertainments.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Brown, of St. Louis, Mo., are spending the holidays with their sons, Cadets C. C. and A. D. Brown, of the first and third classes.

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Miss Elizabeth H. Turnbull, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Turnbull, of Lexington, to Colonel Meade Bernard, commandant of Westworth Military Academy, of Lexington, Mo., to take place Wednesday afternoon, December 23, at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride, Colonel Bernard is a graduate of the V. M. I., class 1899.

Ex-Senator William Alexander Harris, of Kansas, a graduate of the class of 1861, died suddenly of heart disease on December 24 at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lydia M. McKee, in Chicago.

Mrs. Mansfield, of Monticello, Ill., is spending the Christmas holidays here in order to be near her son, who is a cadet at the institute. Mrs. Mansfield is accompanied by her two daughters, and will remain over for the Christmas holidays.

Malvern Hill Social News.

ON Wednesday, December 23, the Red Sox A. C. will give a big tournament and ball at Malvern Hill. Bunting will begin at 12 M. At 7:30 P. M. Walter M. Nance will deliver the coronation address, after which the coronation ball will be given at the "Royal set" as the opening figure of the ball.

Mrs. C. Berna Ramsey has sent out invitations to a "mask and domino ball" to be given at her home "West-over-the-hill-Jazz" on Friday, December 31.

Mrs. C. Sperry, wife of Admiral Sperry, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. H. Oliver at Shirley, left for Richmond Wednesday, en route to her home.

Miss Frances Carter, who is a trained nurse in Washington, D. C., arrived Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her brother and sisters at "High Hill."

John Douhat arrived at his home, Weyanoke, to spend the holidays, after which he will return to Fauquier, Ala., where he is manager of a large farm.

Miss Warren Pierre, of Glen Allen, Va., is the guest of Mrs. G. M. Walker, at "The Glens."

Mrs. J. J. Truss returned to her home at Burketon Point, from a visit to friends in Richmond.

Mrs. James P. Harrison, of Danville, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. H. Drewry, has returned home.

Mrs. J. A. Clark has returned to her home, "Hards-on-the-James," after a visit of several months with relatives in Lancaster and Philadelphia, Pa.

While North Mrs. Clark visited her daughters, Mrs. Risk and Mrs. Gardiner.

Miss Catharine Douhat has returned to her home, Weyanoke, after spending a few days in Richmond.

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Mrs. H. B. Saunders, at Upper Shirley, will go to his home in Richmond for Christmas.

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An Extraordinary Sale of Outer Garments for Women, Misses and Children

The time has come when we must begin to make room for the new spring goods, and in order to reduce our stock quick we are making this great sacrifice.

Women's and Misses' Beautiful Tailored Suits at Half Price

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Remember, not a Suit in our large department that is not greatly reduced.

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All we have left (only about 100) will be closed out at exactly half price—none reserved. You will have our entire stock to select from.

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Rich and Luxurious.

Everything in the Fur line has been greatly reduced in price.

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Cloaks and Capes

For Women and Children.

None reserved. From the cheapest to the most elaborate will be sacrificed to close at once.

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Such an inheritance is frequently a misfortune, for by ever-estimating its possibilities one is often denied the pleasures of real friendships and the closer unions with humanity.

A man thus exiled is no other than a prisoner, whereas the man who, through mental, moral and physical activity, has acquired success—to him also is given a keen appreciation and gratitude, without which no man can experience real happiness.

Energy is the motive power of the so-called "wheel of fortune," and it is responsible for more genuine contentment than is any other characteristic. To be energetic does not always mean immediate personal success, but there is always certain compensation in the knowledge that others may at least be benefited by our efforts.

Always better misdirected energy than stubborn laziness—better some disappointments than no genuine ambition—better a false belief than no belief at all.

The example of energy often en-

courages excellence in the less ambitious, for laziness is like a weed, that thrives best in untillied soil, but when it appears amongst properly cultivated plants there is always the probability of its being uprooted.

A proper ambition is like the centre of an ever-widening circle, which broadens into incalculable circumference.

It has been said that our deeds are like children that are born to us—they live and act apart from our own will. Nay, children may be strangled, but deeds never; they have an indestructible life both in and out of our own consciousness, and realizing this it is best to fix our minds on that certainty and bend our energies in the right way, remembering that there is unlimited responsibility in evil and misdirected ambition.

Thrift has made many a man rich, but never yet has it brought one to want, and the eminence and credit of a people depend largely upon the general and individual appreciation of this little word, whereas aimlessness, there can never remain aught but obscurity.

There can be no true manliness or womanliness if there is an absence of conscious activity; there may be an appearance of these qualities, but manhood and womanhood do not exist in the semblance of things, but in reality.

Activity of the heart makes all other activity possible; there is an old Scandinavian story which says "Go off to the house of thy friend, for weeds soon choke up the unused path."

they do not know. "Such exciting things happen."

A writer suggests on this subject that when two women are traveling together, and one falls ill, it is absurd for the other to stay with her. Why not engage a sick nurse and go on by herself?

In answer, one may ask how many men would do such a thing? If one sets out upon the road with a com-

rade, the duties of comradeship fall upon one, and it is only temperment, not sex, which can set them aside. A hard-hearted woman, like a hard-hearted man, will "gain her ain gain" whether the invalid is selfish to demand "a certain amount of sympathy and attention" or not.

December Xmas

December is Christmas month. I will sell until New Year's Day one-half load of regular 48-hour Domestic Coke for \$2.75; one-half load Pennsylvania pea-size Anthracite Coal, \$2.75. Both of these Coals are quick burners and money-savers, because it all burns; but I have all other sizes of Coal, and I am leader in Oak, Pine, Hickory and Slab Wood. I have made a specialty of Wood for twelve years, and if you will let me have your order I will please and economize for you, because I am the real Wood Man.

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The Modern Woman

By PEARL HUMPHREY

The prominent part women have taken in encouragement of aviation proves that they are longing to join in it actively themselves. They have done much for ballooning, and aeroplaning will not find them behind-hand.

It is curious that for centuries a woman was supposed to have no head for high places, and which she put the curlicues up the whole family expected to fall off the top-ladder, while if she crossed a plank bridge without losing her head, she was looked upon as a miracle bordering upon the feminine.

Yet look at the record of women in mountaineering and ballooning! In the former, they have frequently been record-breakers as well as record-makers. Mrs. Bullock Workman and Mrs. Aubrey de Blon, for instance, do not blink an eye before the whole of the Alpine Club that refuses them admittance because they are women.

Surely if ever a woman was impersonal and had nothing to do with sex, it is mountaineering. Sir Clifford Allbut has declared that it was in the Alps that women learned emancipation, and admitted that where he had expected to see them pulled up by the more difficult slopes by guides, they struck out independently and put many a male mountaineer to shame.

A daily paper says rather sarcastically that, although only four women have flown so far, it is costume for flying is already under consideration in Paris. "As soon as women have anything to do with it, dress must enter into the question."

Every new occupation that arises women are told they cannot enter into it because of their dress. They cannot cycle or motor or climb or fly or play hockey or fence because of their inconvenient skirts. The difficulty is met by an appropriate costume as soon as may be.

That women are already thinking of a comfortable dress to fly in before their husbands have completed an aeroplane for them to fly on in safety is only another example of the extraordinary progress of the woman and the unpreparedness of man.

A man seldom puts his clothes on

till the waltz begins. Men do not manage time well; the woman who works knows more about minutes than any man.

How long will it be before a woman reaches the North Pole? Not very long, one may be sure. Women are just as eager travelers as men in nowadays, especially since they have learned to go about by themselves.

Thirty years ago, if a woman was told at Innsbruck that she would have to re-register her luggage at Basel, she would have been thrown into tremendous agitation by this alarming prospect. Now she is as calm as any lordly Briton who, knowing no word of French or German, manages to stalk over the face of Europe without losing a single possession or hurrying to catch a single train.

I have even met women who, like the more childlike or men, prefer to travel in countries whose language

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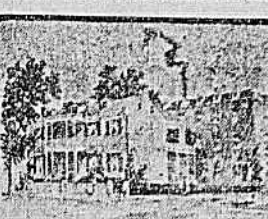
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